

It must have been perfectly obvious to persons (in Germany) occupying the positions of the defendants and having the means of knowledge at their disposal, that Germany was heading for war. There could hardly be any doubt in 1938 and 1939 that Hitler would not hesitate to use force if necessary to solve Germany's territorial problems as viewed by the Nazi party. He would of course solve the problems of territorial acquisition by agreement, if possible, but this meant agreement on his ^{own} terms. If agreement were not possible then force would be actually be used. I cannot reach any other conclusion but that this was known to persons in the position of these defendants